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SUBJ: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: VIENNA 2154

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECONCOUNS, HEAD ENERGY SECTION
MINISTRY OF TRADE DR. FRANK SAID GOA POSITION ON PROPOSED MEETING
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IS AS FOLLOWS: FOR AUSTRIA IT WAS NOT QUESTION OF BEING

FOR OR AGAINST SUCH A MEETING SINCE IEA ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT IN EFFECT CALL FOR REGULAR MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. GOA BELIEVES OUR RATIONALE FOR HAVING MINISTERIAL IN MAY IS GOOD AND THEY FULLY APPRECIATE DESIRABILITY OF EARLY DECISION ON MEETING TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONAL FLAVOR BUT ALSO TO PERMIT ADEQUATE PREPARATION.

2. IN FACT, FRANK CONTINUED, GOA REP TO GOVERNING BOARD MEETING NEXT WEEK WOULD CITE ADEQUATE PREPARATION AS PRINCIPAL GOA CONDITION FOR SUPPORTING MEETING ON MAY 26. AN AGENDA SHOULD BE PREPARED IMMEDIATELY AND GOA WOULD HOPE THAT BACKUP PAPERS PREPARED BY IEA SECRETARIAT WOULD BE READY AT BEGINNING OF MAY. FRANK INDICATED THAT MAY 12 SHOULD BE TARGET DATE FOR RECEIPT OF PAPERS IN VIENNA TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR INTERNAL COORDINATION AND DELIBERATION OF MAIN POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MINISTERIAL. SAID THIS WOULD BE THE MINIMUM TIME REQUIRED FOR GOA PREPARATIONS SINCE SOME ISSUES WOULD LIKELY REQUIRE DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AUSTRIAN SUPPORT, AS WELL AS PROSPECTS FOR SUPPORT BY OTHER IEA MEMBERS, WILL BE ENHANCED IF THERE CAN BE EARLY AGREEMENT ON AGENDA TO PERMIT ENOUGH LEAD TIME FOR PREPARATION OF PAPERS AND INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY CONSIDERATIONS OF THESE PAPERS. MOWINCKEL

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